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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

Submitted herewith is the Search Report of related European Patent Application EP 03 01 48 94 with a brief translation thereof.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(2).

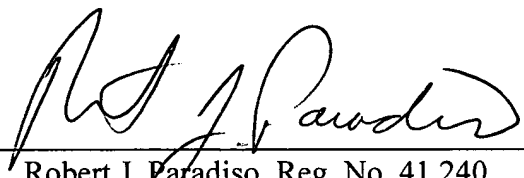
Herewith respectfully submitted is a check in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p).

In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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